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First I was element.  
Then I was fish in the element.

A heat, overspread, shook  
the clouds into de-seeded chambers,

trenching, forked-down  
asymmetries. I was, in excess,

dragged downstream,  
a cabinet of soaked leaves

rebuffing a chopped wave  
west. Would I clear

where I was stepped  
from oiled iridescence?

Finning matter to matter,  
immaculate desert,

the mounded parities  
came tilting in steep risers,

air-bubbling-after,  
and I was adrift.